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Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2002, the term for response to which is extended by three (3) months by Petition filed concurrently herewith to January 31, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 39, line 15 through page 40, line 23 as follows (see the attachment for details of the amendments):

As shown in FIG. 25, the sealing member 226 consists of an elastic material. The sealing member is composed of a mounting portion 237 attached to the seal receiving portion 224; a main opening portion 238 present at its center of the

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